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HOUSE MEMORIAL 44

47TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2005

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A MEMORIAL

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
COURT-APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES PROGRAM.

WHEREAS, the court-appointed special advocates program was
established in the first judicial district ten years ago; and

WHEREAS, court-appointed special advocates assist the
courts in determining the best interests of abused, neglected
or abandoned children and serve the children by becoming the
eyes and ears of the court; and

WHEREAS, court-appointed special advocates are volunteers
who become sworn officers of the court; and

WHEREAS, these court-appointed volunteers monitor the care
of children in the court's custody, providing a voice for the
children's safety and well-being; and

WHEREAS, a court-appointed special advocate takes the time

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1 to find out as much as possible about each child by conducting
2 interviews, reviewing records and talking to the children and
3 their parents; and

4 WHEREAS, by advocating for abused, neglected or abandoned
5 children, a court-appointed special advocate helps to minimize
6 juvenile delinquency and to maximize the children's
7 opportunities for successful placement, thereby breaking the
8 vicious cycle of abuse and decreasing the likelihood that the
9 children will end up in prison;

10 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
11 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the volunteers
12 in the first judicial district court-appointed special
13 advocates program deserve honor, recognition and gratitude for
14 their thousands of hours of service in preserving the safety of
15 and providing hope for the future of New Mexico's abused,
16 neglected and abandoned children; and

17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
18 transmitted to the first judicial district court.

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